SENATE BILL No. 539

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-7.1-40.5; IC 8-1-2.8-11.

Synopsis: Accessible electronic information service. Requires the Talking Books and Braille division of the state library to work with the Library of Congress to provide information in an electronic format to blind and disabled persons. Creates the accessible electronic information service fund and requires that \$1,334 be transferred monthly to the fund from the surcharge on residential and business telephone lines to provide services to the hearing impaired. Appropriates money in the fund continually.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 20, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy.





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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

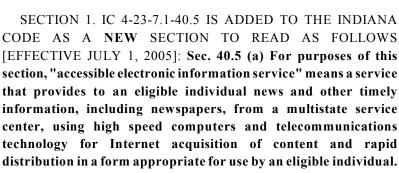
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SENATE BILL No. 539

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (b) For purposes of this section, "director" refers to the director of the Indiana talking books and braille division of the Indiana state library.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "eligible individual" means an individual who is blind or disabled and qualifies for services under 36 CFR 701.10(b).
- (d) For purposes of this section, "fund" refers to the accessible electronic information service fund established by subsection (g).



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1	(e) For purposes of this section, "qualified entity" means an
2	agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state or a
3	nonprofit organization that:
4	(1) using computer technology, produces audio or braille
5	editions of daily news reports, including newspapers, for the
6	purpose of providing eligible individuals with Internet access
7	to news;
8	(2) obtains electronic news text through direct transfer
9	arrangements made with participating news organizations
10	and does not replicate electronic editions that are otherwise
11	available on the Internet; and
12	(3) provides a means of program administration and reader
13	registration on the Internet.
14	(f) The director shall enter into an agreement with a qualified
15	entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for
16	eligible individuals. This service shall be planned for continuation
17	from year to year and make maximum use of federal and other
18	funds available by:
19	(1) obtaining grants or in kind support from appropriate
20	programs; and
21	(2) securing access to low cost interstate rates for
22	telecommunications by reimbursement or otherwise.
23	(g) The accessible electronic information service fund is
24	established to provide money to administer the accessible
25	electronic information services program. The fund consists of
26	money:
27	(1) transferred to the Indiana state library under
28	IC 8-1-2.8-11(b);
29	(2) federal funds;
30	(3) grants, gifts, and bequests; and
31	(4) appropriations.
32	(h) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
33	money in the fund.
34	(i) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
35	currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
36	manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
37	accrues from these investment shall be deposited in the fund.
38	(j) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
39	revert to the state general fund.
40	(k) Money in the fund is continually appropriated to the Indiana
41	state library for its use in administering the accessible electronic



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information services program.

SECTION 2. IC 8-1-2.8-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 11. (a) Beginning on
June 1, 1991, the commission shall require each LEC to impose a
monthly surcharge in the amount of five cents (\$0.05) on each
residential and business line (or line equivalent) of its customers to
fund and recover costs for developing and providing dual party relay
services that may include in appropriate circumstances in the sole
discretion of the InTRAC providing telecommunications devices to
hearing impaired and speech impaired persons.

(b) Before the last business day of each month, the InTRAC shall transfer one thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,334) collected under subsection (a) to the state library for the accessible electronic information service fund to be used to provide accessible electronic information services under IC 4-23-7.1-40.5.









